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Doug Porter, Assistant Secretary
Medical Assistance Administration
Department of Social and Health Services
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Dear Mr. Porter:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Washington's request to amend its Disease Management Program authorized under section 1915(b)(4) of the Social Security Act. The amendment made changes needed to come into compliance with the Medicaid Managed Care regulation in 42 CFR Part 438.

I have based my decision on the evidence submitted showing that the program is consistent with the purposes of the Medicaid program, has met statutory and regulatory requirements for access to care and quality of services, and will continue to be a cost-effective means of providing health care services to Washington's Medicaid population.

We appreciate the State's efforts in initiating this program which provides for accessible, quality and cost-effective health care for Medicaid enrollees, and we wish you much success in your continuing activities in this area.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael Fiore, Director
Division of Integrated Health Systems

cc: Karen O'Connor, Region X